

# ALIEN HUNT

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STENTON RELL is making a report from OMEGA station to the council of Kaldor .

THE VISCOUNT will come back to us once they've refuelled and restocked their bulk cruiser and I've instructed v31 on station at their JUPITER CAPSULE to power down and await orders.



HE ACTIVATES THE SHIP'S TANOY FROM HIS COMMAND CHAIR.

STENTON RELL

ELISABETH CHERRY TO THE

COMMAND BAY.

When the crew hear the announcement ELISABETH CHERRY is in the cafeteria eating a pack of salted peanuts .She walks out the cafeteria and takes a right along the central gantry then walks into the command bay .

RELL leaves his command chair going through the hexagonal rail and through to the main gantry of the space station.

STENTON RELL                      YOUR IN COMMAND UNTIL I RETURN ELISABETH.

CAPTAIN ELISABETH CHERRY                      AND HOW LONG IS THAT COMMANDER.

STENTON RELL                      JUST WHILE I GIVE A REPORT TO THE HIGH COUNCIL.

CAPTAIN ELISABETH CHERRY                      ALL CREW AS OF NOW WE'RE IN CONDITION PURPLE.

RELL walks the main gantry past flight suited men and women to the shuttle bay and gets into a shuttle letting a D class robot pilot him down to the space port then a travel tube over the skyline to company central .



He leaves the travel tube and walks through a central plaza, then past a reception desk to the main stadium where the sennett is in session and takes his place amongst the large group of delegates representing the people of Kaldor.

FIRST Master Landerchild is in charge of the meeting .

LANDERCHILD                      Commander RELL has arrived to tell us what's happened to v31 .

RELL                      That's right, first master v31 had duties to follow a human from the other side of the galaxy, ERIC YOUNGBLOOD, through the DIMENSION gate back to

his home world , when the blueprints were stolen from the panopticon archives .

LANDRCHILD                      F irst contact with the huma ns from that sector of the galaxy .

RELL                                      V31 reports that the earth people are new to space exploration and have powered down their capsule .

LANDRCHILD                      T he balls in there court , but our immediate concern is the theft of data for construction of V-O-C robots .

RELL                                      T he SONS OF KALDOR have denied their involvement in the break in at central op s .

LANDERCHILD uses his wrist communicator to call up central operations and orders CASTAN LAGO to the stadium .

CASTAN LAGO                      ON MY WAY FIRST MASTER .

RELL                                      I NEED A SPECIALIST IN ROBOT DESIGN.

LANDERCHILD                      LAGO go with REL and take a wanderer class starship immediately .

RELL                                      OH AND THAT OTHER MATTER, this threat to galactic peace could threaten planet earth .

LANDERCHILD                      W e can guide them .

RELL                                      I'll tell v31 to start negotiations , The delegates leave the conference hall, REL finds technician LAGO waiting for him outside the stadium .

RELL                                      ready

LAGO                                      I have equipment to get , and my own group with the latest upgrades from COMPANY CENTRAL please come with me to my habitat at cyprus corners .

RELL                                      OH you're a trustee for the company mate, going up in the world .



They take the elevator to the roof and then climb into a company shuttle that lifts off into the mid morning traffic. The pre programmed flight plan flies through the centre of KALDOR, then lands on the top of cyprus corners ,a large residential block,

CASTAN LAGO                      Welcome to my apartment RELL  
A SUPERVOC is stationed at the console monitoring communication traffic .

LAGO                      V56 , were leaving right now so shut down .  
V56                      we don't shut down any more LAGO you know that.

LAGO                      yes a figure of speech, since I upgraded you, now get your team together, where wanted at the space port  
THESE ARE my own supervoc, they don't power down and are independent.

RELL                      THE LATEST DESIGN.

LAGO                      And you're going in on this mission in uniform if we have to mingle with the general public I'm not going to be out done by you.

RELL                      CHICKS DIG THE UNIFORM.

LAGO                      I wanna uniform as well the full one like yours .

RELL                      i'LL HAVE ONE OF MY MEN BRING A UNIFORM TO THE SPACEPORT .

LAGO                      The full red uniform with silver boots, silver shoulder pads and floor length white cape .

RELL                      YES.

LAGO                      My team have predicted our chances of success and they're not high

RELL Yes that may be so but you know what companies like with all those new contracts for building and terraforming using V-O-C robots they don't want their Monopoly jeopardised .

LAGO And of course in the wrong hands they could be a lethal weapon .

RELL We haven't had an incident similar since STORM MINE FOUR many years ago .

LAGO what happened.

RELL A program left by TAREN CAPEL turned the robots into killers .

LAGO V56 YOUR ON ASSIGNMENT TO US AND WILL COLLECT V45 , YOU READY RELL

They go over to an alcove with a large metal cabinet and call a travel tube, that whisks them through the city in four directions and deposits them at the spaceport ,where a KALDOR POLICEMAN is waiting with a uniform for LAGO .



RELL THERE CASTAN ,THE LATEST DESIGN IN POLICE UNIFORM WITH ENHANCEMENTS.

They leave the spaceport and walk over the tarmac to the omega station shuttle and alight in the operations capsule ,and v56 starts the pre-programmed course up to omega station .

STENTON RELL Most of the travellers have had their ID checked but a RUTON can take on the form and identity of a human if they assimilate him .





STENTON RELL                      V56 look for a plasma trail leaving  
omega station and plot across using the strongest one .

LAGO                                  Sounds like a long shot if we're  
going to find the escaping hybrid .

V56                                      I have one plasma trail .

STENTON RELL                      Feed it into my coordinates  
,prepared to get underway burn every 10 seconds on my  
Mark.

Just then he gets a call from the bridge of the omega station.

CAPTAIN ELISABETH CHERRY                      I think we've just  
had a commercial ship leave just before the call came out to  
check all departures .My security checks have been done on  
the crew

STENTON RELL                      What's the name of the ship .

CAPTAIN ELISABETH CHERRY                      It's a sailing yacht  
called the Tiger moth. I'll give you her flight plan .

STENTON RELL                      That's great at this rate  
we should be able to catch up with it soon .Let's push the  
safety margin V56 burn every 5 secs we got some catching up  
to do .

TAKE OVER V56.

REL LEAVES THE PILOT'S SEAT AND JOINS LAGO IN THE

GALLEY .

LAGO                THE RUTON took a course out of our sector, and was either picked up or is trying to evade capture .

REL                EXACTLY those small pursuit ships have a limited range so he must have had a prearranged rendezvous .

LAGO                AGREED but if he makes it to a waiting ship the trail goes cold

RELL                We're using a plasma trace to follow the missing shuttle and we have a solar yacht to check along the way, commercial ship TIGER MOTH .

V56                I have a ship nearby in our trajectory

COMMANDER .

RELL leaves crew quarters and takes his place in the cockpit .

RELL                Tiger moth we're in pursuit of a criminal. Can you check personnel and report it to KALDOR POLICE .

ROBAR                THIS IS PRIVATE SHIP TIGER MOTH on a journey to enter a SOLAR YACHT race to start near GLADA PRIME .

RELL                Thank you TIGER MOTH we are in pursuit of a dangerous alien , if sighted call us or send a message to KALDOR.

ROBAR                Will do , though i have senior founding family citizens and we're about to test the solar sails for the yacht race ,have no time for inspection .

The ODYSSEY passes the solar yacht and speeds past at high acceleration towards the neutral zone .

V56                The plasma trail finishes here commander, and that shuttle enters hyperdrive, or was picked up by another ship.

REL                S can the area for resent traffic, then plot a course for the planet GALDA PRIME

V56                N o other ships have entered this sector commander.





LAGO                    T hen our only lead is that the RUTAN took a course to the only M-CLASS PLANET in this sector .Luckily I've met the president of GLADA PRIME and he'll help.

RELL                    A hive for soldiers of fortune, they don't call it the planet of tasteless pleasures for nothing .

LAGO                    A shape shifter, will take on any humanoid form, and blend in.

V56                    PREPARING TO ENTER HYPERJUMP  
COMMANDER.

RELL                    B etter strap in for the journey.

AFTER an hour at maximum speed the ODYSSEY comes out near planet GALDA PRIME .

REL leaves the crew quarters and takes the communications console.

RELL                    T his is the ODYSSEY  
requesting landing .

GALDA PRIME control                    Y ou are clear to land at the spaceport.

RELL                    P ILOT the ODYSSEY into the atmosphere ,  
and home in on the spaceport.

The ODYSSEY flys into the atmosphere and is buffeted by the slipstreams through a high cloud bank. A s they break through the main viewer shows the sprawling capital city with it's HIGH TOWERS and walkways, sky cars flying across .

V56                    I have the spaceport on positive track .

V89                    going over to spaceport control,.

The ODYSSEY glides down through high buildings to the far side of the city, and is brought in for a controlled landing . A ground car is waiting as they disembark and are greeted by robot k10.

The car docks with the spaceport and they walk out into a central plaza, with many tourists departing and arriving. Following K10 they go to a help point and are given clearance to enter the city.

They leave the spaceport and take a rolling conveyor towards town centre with other tourists following the robot, who has volunteered to guide them.

LAGO                    how are we going to find a shape shifting hybrid in a large city where he can blend in and hide.

RELL                    T he first thing we have to do is tell the police were tracking a fugitive from KALDOR.

From registration they follow travellers from the spaceport onto an escalator and then a conveyor belt into the city and see Viewing screens showing the latest news .

And the latest news on the GALDA PRIME government shows a large swing to the liberals , and the swearing in of SYLVESTER SNIGGLEY. PRESIDENT TRAYNOR HAS RESIGNED FROM POLITICS.

LAGO                    THAT'S WHO WE HAVE TO CONTACT

RELL ,can you get us to a phone.

K10                    I can send a message to ex president Trynor.

LAGO                    he'll have enough influence to find our RUTON.

They follow the robot through a throng of people and walk up stone steps to the central police station. They walk through a central hall with stone pillars and high ceiling to a wall mounted touch screen console.

RELL                    W e are on a mission from KALDOR pursuing a dangerous alien, using the identity of a librarian. We'll need your help to track him before he kills again.

LAGO                    T hat should get there attention

A DOOR SLIDES BACK AND AN OFFICER EMERGES ASKING FOR THERE ID

OFFICER GAN                    FOLLOW ME AND I'LL TAKE

## YOUR STATEMENT

They are lead through a bright hallway with green tiled carpet and polystyrene tiled ceiling illuminated by striplights to interview rooms

GAN I'LL LEAVE YOU IN THE WAITING ROOM  
WHILE I REPORT THIS

Lago I WANT TO SEE THE SOMEONE IN  
AUTHORITY

GAN IF YOU DON'T WAIT THERE YOU'LL HAVE  
PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES TO SEE SOMEONE IN  
AUTHORITY FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, DO I  
MAKE MYSELF CLEAR

THEY WAIT IN THE BLUEROOM FOR GAN TO RUN A ID  
CHECK

LAGO Stuffy lot these men of GALDA PRIME.

RELL Yes that's as maybe but you can't antagonise  
them .

LAGO You checked in with LANDERCHILD before  
setting down didn't you RELL

RELL YES HOPEFULLY WE'LL HAVE GANS  
COOPERATION WHEN HE RETURNS.

GAN COMES BACK INTO THE INTERROGATION ROOM.

GAN BE AT PEACE WITH THE WORLD CITIZEN  
WHILE I TAKE YOUR STATEMENT .YOU HAVE THE ID OF  
THIS MAN YOUR CHASING .

RELL yes but he's a RUTON trying to get back to his  
home planet with our ROBOT DESIGNS, and may kill to carry  
out his mission.

GAN I'VE NOT BEEN INFORMED OF THIS.

LAGO That's why we've come to you .

RELL This shape shifting alien could soon be going  
from body to body leaving a trail of dead citizens ,

LAGO They can kill on touch and assume the identity  
of their victim.

GAN Have you a suspect for me to run an ID check.

GAN TYPES IN THE ID OF ALL VISITORS FROM KALDOR  
CITY .

GAN I'VE ONE KALDOR CITIZEN THAT MATCHES

## YOUR DESCRIPTION .

They take an elevator to the roof of the police station and grab a sky car and head for the hotel

LAGO                      L ets go, he won't hang around, he'll try to get off world.

Just then GAN receives a call from dispatch, saying a body has been found at the spaceport of a passenger on an outward flight to MAGRATHEA.

RELL                      H old the flight and quarantine the area.

GAN                      I 'll need the flight delayed, till we get there and send the ID of the victim.

He gets a description on his monitor.

GAN                      H e's a brush salesman on a conference on his way back home

The flyer lands at the spaceport and they run into the reception and up to security, GAN SHOWS HIS id,,,,,,and they walk out to the commercial shuttle bay , and tell the stewards to go through the passengers with a photo on there check in roster THE BRUSH SALESMAN IS IN HIS SEAT LOOKING AT A CATALOGUE WHEN THEY REACH HIM

GAN                      are you REGINALD STYLES brush salesman. Yes I am officer what's the problem.

LAGO                      you're a RUTAN escaping with the blueprints for our V-O-C robots.

Just then REGINALD STYLES changes shape into a green jelly and fly s towards the exit as

a passenger near the main door gets up and pulls his suitcase open . the RUTAN crashes into it .T he man closes the suitcase and walks the length of the carriage and hands the case to LAGO

[THERE YOU ARE OFFICER IT SEEMS YOUR FUGITIVE IS IN MY SPARE SUITCASE

THEY WALK ACROSS THE TARMAC TO THE ODYSSEY AND LAGO WALKS IN WITH THE RUTAN

LAGO                      PREPARE TO LEAVE V56.

The three V-O-C robots pilot THE ODYSSEY out of the atmosphere and plot a course back to KALDOR.

RELL                      have you put the prisoner in the cargo hold

LAGO.

LAGO                    LET'S talk to him

They leave the flight deck and walk over to the lounge area where Lago pulls the suitcase onto the table and opens the lid

RELL                    BY THE WAY TELL ME WHERE THE BLUEPRINTS ARE AND I'LL BE LENIENT ON YOU .

RUTAN                    I claim my rights under the GALACTIC FEDERATION treaty .

REL                      YOUR NOT EVEN A CITIZEN, YOU'RE A SHAPE SHIFTING ANIMAL

RUTAN                    That why we need your V-O-C ROBOTS

LAGO                      you killed that brush salesman from

MAGRATHEA

RUTA N                    IT'S OUR BIRTHRIGHT TO TAKE CONTROL

LAGO                      YOUR REPRESENTING YOUR ENTIRE RACE AT YOUR TRIAL

RELL                      AND YOUR TRIAL HAS STARTED THEY WATCH LIQUID RUN DOWN THE SIDE OF THE RUTAN SPHERE

RUTAN                    ONE OF MY AGENTS IS TAKING THE BLUEPRINTS BACK TO OUR HOMEWORLD EVEN AS WE SPEAK.

RELL                      IF THOSE BLUEPRINTS HAVE GOT AWAY THEN COMMAND WILL PUT OUT AN ALERT.

LAGO                      IT WILL TAKE THEM TIME TO USE THE BLUEPRINTS TO CREATE HOSTILE V-O-C .

RELL                      CAN I GET YOU ANYTHING, I KNOW NOTHING OF RUTAN BIOLOGY.

RUTAN                    SPRAY ME WITH DISTILLED WATER. THE GLOWING SPHERE SEAMED TO REPEL THE WATER IN A BRIEF CRACKLE OF ENERGY THEN IT FLOWS DOWN THE SIDES OF IT'S SPHERICAL BODY .

RELL walks to the flight deck and takes the pilot's chair .

V56                        T he ODYSSEY is coming out of hyperdrive

RELL                      plot a course to OMEGA STATION .

V56                        i have a homing signal and OMEGA station ON

## POSITIVE TRACK .



The Odyssey docks on the outer perimeter of OMEGA station and LAGO puts the RUTON back in the suitcase . They walk into the outer gantry of the station with maroon tile carpets and a polystyrene ceiling illuminated with strip lights and are greeted by station officers

CAPTAIN ELISABETH CHERRY                      Welcome back  
commander , I hope the mission was successful

LAGO                      we have the RUTAN in this suitcase

RELL                      It killed a travelling salesman from

MAGRATHEA and was trying to get off-world

CAPTAIN ELISABETH CHERRY              Well I have everything ship  
shape and Bristol fashion for when you return

They enter the spacious shuttlebay and alight a company shuttle

.RELL takes the cockpit and a conveyor moves it out of the it's  
alcove and into position near the large outer door .

The outer doors open to the black void of space and they fly out  
using a pre-programed flight plan into the stratosphere .The shuttle  
is buffeted by slipstreams and then enters a cloud bank, and flies  
low over the blind heart desert to the spaceport .

THEY WALK TO CHECK IN THROUGH THE  
PASSENGERS, TO A COMPANY TERMINAL AND CHECK  
IN THEN TAKE A TRAVEL TUBE TO CENTRAL CONTROL  
into the reception where two V-O-C robots are standing on

security ,.

v78 FIRST MASTER LANDERCHILD IS EXPECTING  
YOU COMMANDER

LAGO THANK YOU V78, TAKE THIS CRIMINAL TO  
A HOLDING CELL , OPEN HIS SUITCASE AND WATER HIM  
AND WAIT FOR ME TO COLLECT HIM .

THEY GO THROUGH THE DOORS WHERE  
LANDERCHILDS IS WAITING ON A LOISE ESCARGO  
SETTEE FROM IKEA.

LANDERCHILD are LARGO well done to the pair of you.

RELL IT'S A MIRACLE BUT WE GOT HIM FIRST  
MASTER.

LANDERCHILD where not in central office noW  
RELL these are my chambers you don't have to be so formal .

RELL he flew to GALDA PRIME, and killed the  
moment he got a chance to assume the identity of a travelling  
salesman and escape to his homeland.

LAGO I have to commence research into a mobile  
tracker .

LANDERCHILD We'll back you technician LAGO, requisition all  
the men and material you need.

RELL Make it top priority or soon or soon they'll be  
able to infiltrate our society .

LANDERCHILD I'VE HAD SILVESTER SNIGLEY OF  
GALDA PRIME WITH A REPORT OF YOUR ACTIVITIES .

RELL NO COMPLAINTS I HOPE.

LANDERCHILD FAR FROM IT, I'VE A NEW ORDER  
FOR SUPER VOC AND HIS COMMENDATIONS ON A JOB  
WELL DONE.

LARGO ADVISED THAT ALL VOC STAY ON  
24/7 THEY DON'T SHUT.

LANDERCHILD THE NEW DESIGN IS APPROVED  
BY US AND THEM.

LARGO I also want the files on TARON CAPEL in  
order to counteract his programming and prevent the risk of V-  
O-C becoming dangerous .

ANDERCHILD OH don't get self riotous with me LAGO.

RELL THAT'S ENOUGH OUT OF BOTH OF  
YOU , WE STAY ON TARGET.

LARGO AND THE NEXT GENERATION WILL  
UPLOAD TO A CENTRAL MAINFRAME AT THE END OF  
THERE WORK SHIFT.

LAGO IN THE MEANTIME I'LL GET TO  
WORK ON A RUTAN TRACKER THAT WILL FIND THESE  
HYBREADS FROM WITHIN KALDOR CITY .

LANDERCHILD                      THE EMPIRE AWAITS YOUR  
LATEST DESIGNS SENIOR TECHNICIAN LAGO.  
JUST THEN SV10 COMES INTO LANDERCHILDS  
CHAMBERS WITH A MESSAGE

SV10 A REPORT FROM V31 ON THE  
JUPITER CAPSULE FIRST MASTER HAS VISCOUNT ON  
POSITIVE TRACK .

LANDERCHILD                      REL YOUR HUMANS FROM  
EARTH HAVE COME FOR ANOTHER VISIT .

LAGO . YOU'LL HAVE TO TELL THEM OF  
THE RISK THEY TAKE BY COMING HERE.

LANDERCHILD                      TELL THEM WHEN THEY COME  
THROUGH THE DIMENSION GATE RELL  
THIS SESSION IS CLOSED .